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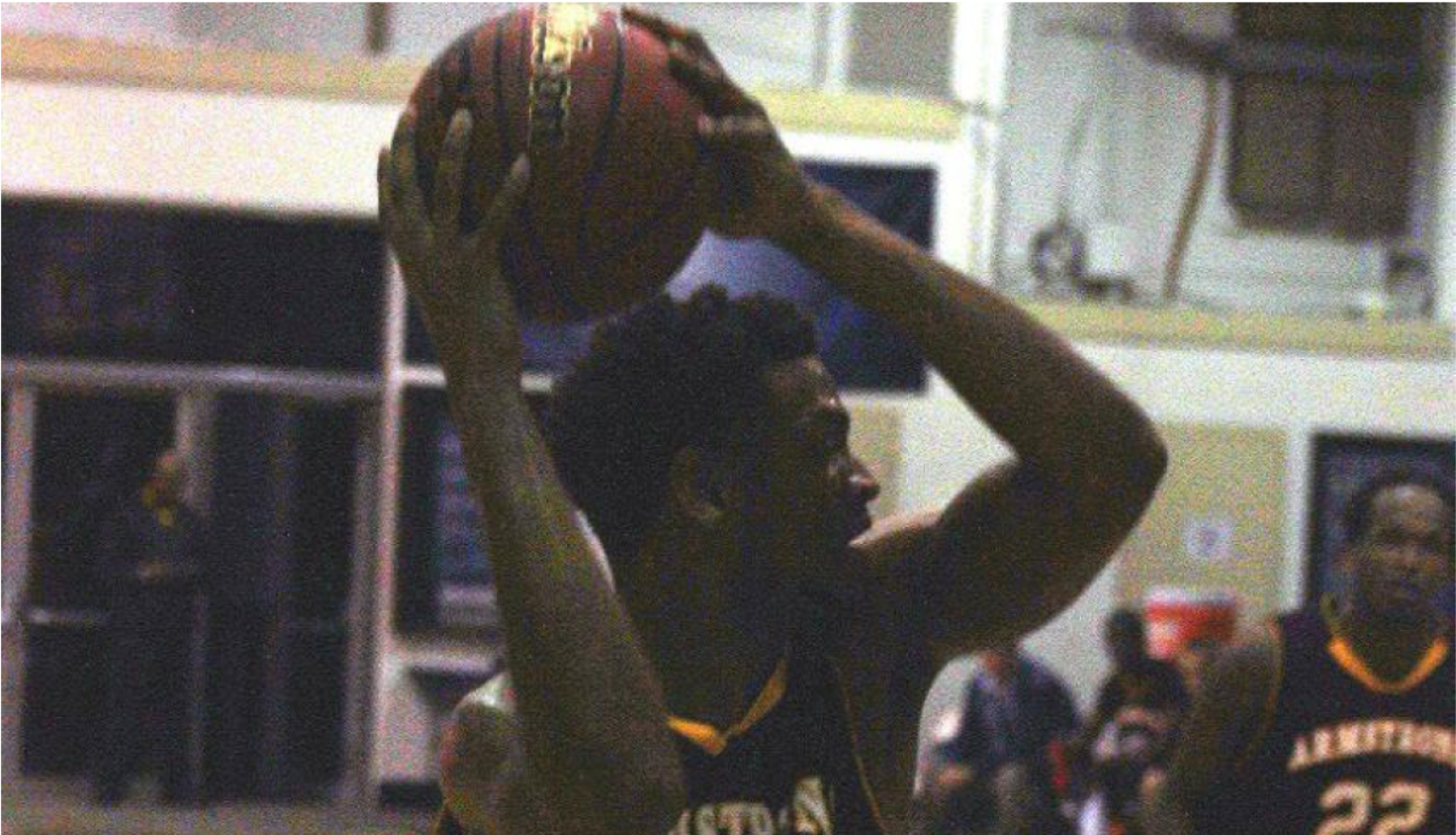
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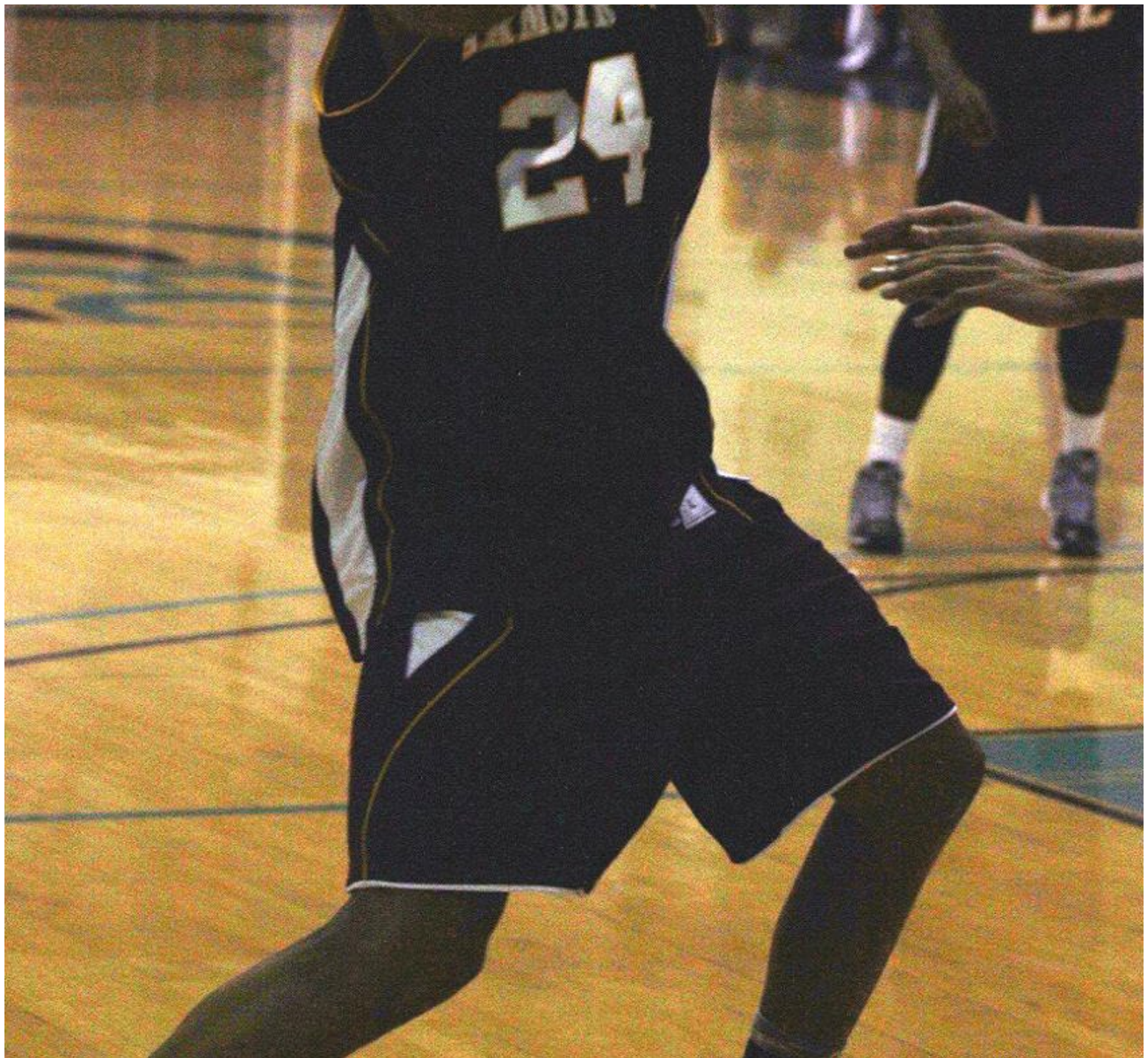
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FRANCIS MARION

ARMSTRONG

73	Final	1	2	T	84
	FRANCIS MARION (6-7, 3-4 PBC)	31	42	73	
	ARMSTRONG (6-8, 3-4 PBC)	39	45	84	





Posted: Jan 16, 2014

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State University men's basketball team placed five players in double figures as the Pirates defeated visiting Francis Marion University, 84-73, in Peach Belt Conference action on Thursday evening at Alumni Arena.

The Pirates (6-8, 3-4 PBC) snapped a three-game skid with the win over the Patriots (6-7, 3-4 PBC), who saw their own modest three-game win streak come to a close with the loss. Each streak had started with Francis Marion's 92-82 overtime win over the Pirates on January 4th.

This time, Armstrong led from the outset as **Eric Eversley's** three-point

GAME LEADERS

FRANCIS MARION

Pts: Dustin Jones - 24

Reb: Evrik Gary - 7

Ast: Trevonte Dixon - 5

ARMSTRONG

Pts: **Hichem Benayad-Cherif** - 18

Reb: **Eric Eversley** - 9

Ast: **Kyle Callanan** - 11

play on the Pirates' first possession staked the home team to a 3-0 lead that it would never relinquish. The Pirates built an eight-point lead at the break, 39-31, and pushed that lead to 19 points by opening the second half on a 16-5 run over the first five minutes.

The Pirates placed five players in double figures, led by senior **Hichem Benayad-Cherif's** 18 points off the bench on 7-of-15 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-8 three-pointers. Senior **Darius Morales** added 14 points, eight rebounds and a career-high eight blocked shots, while **Kenny Bellinger II** and Eric Eversley each added 13 points and Monte Baines chipped in 12 points.

Francis Marion was led by Dustin Jones' game-high 24 points on 8-of-14 shooting from the floor, including 5-of-8 three-pointers and 3-of-4 free throws. Evrik Gary added 17 points and Luka Zivkovic chipped in 11 points.

Armstrong finished the night with 11 blocked shots and 13 steals, while holding Francis Marion to just 34.4 percent shooting from the floor (22-of-64).

The Pirates return to action on Saturday, January 18, traveling to Columbus State for a 3:30 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest against the Cougars in Columbus, Ga.



TEAM STATS		
FRANCIS MARION		ARMSTRONG
(22-64)	Field Goals	(35-80)
34.4%	Field Goal %	43.8%
35	Rebounds	57
8	Assists	24
18	Turnovers	18
25	Pts off Turnovers	19
10	2nd Chance Pts	23
4	Pts in the Paint	32
4	Fastbreak Pts	15
9	Bench Pts	38

FULL STATS

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